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SUBJECT: RADIO TANZANIA ACCUSES US IN KOREAN INCIDENT

1. AS RESULT PARTICULARLY ABUSIVE ATTACK ON US AND PRESIDENT FORD CARRIED BY RADIO TANZANIA IN ENGLISH AS COMMENTARY AUGUST 23 AND 24 (TEXT PARA 6 BELOW), AMBASSADOR CALLED ON FOREIGN MINISTRY PRINCIPAL SECRETARY NYAKYI AUGUST 25 TO EXPRESS OUTRAGE AND DEMAND EXPLANATION.

2. NYAKYI WHO WAS UNFAMILIAR WITH BROADCAST UNTIL TRANSCRIPT OF RECORDING HANDED HIM WAS OBVIOUSLY EMBARRASSED. GIST OF HIS GENERALLY CONCILIATORY REACTION WAS THAT (A) TANGOV DOES NOT CONTROL CONTENT OF PRESS AND RADIO, AND (B) DO USG AND TANGOV WHICH HAVE OTHER IMPORTANT BUSINESS WANT TO FIGHT OVER A THING LIKE THIS?

3. NOTING, INTER ALIA, THAT TANGOV OFFICIAL RADIO HAD APPROPRIATED WORD "RASCAL" FOR PRESIDENT AND INVOLVED ITSELF IN US ELECTION CAMPAIGN, AMBASSADOR POSED THREE QUESTIONS: (A) DID COMMENTARY REPRESENT VIEWS OF TANGOV? (B) WOULD APOLOGY OR RETRACTION FOR REVILING OF PRESIDENT (WHICH WAS CONTRARY TO TANZANIA'S OWN LAW) BE FORTHCOMING, AND (C) WHAT ASSURANCES WERE TO BE HAD THAT REPETITION WOULD NOT OCCUR?

4. NYAKYI SAID CATEGORICALLY THAT COMMENTARY DID NOT REPRESENT VIEWS OF GOVERNMENT AND THAT, SINCE IT DID NOT, AMBASSADOR
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COULD ASSUME GOVERNMENT WOULD ATTEMPT MEASURES TO SEE THAT

SAME KIND OF THING DID NOT HAPPEN AGAIN. ON RETRACTION OR APOLOGY, HE NOT SURE WHAT TO SAY. HE THOUGHT PERHAPS IT BETTER NOT TO FORCE ISSUE NOW, THOUGH COURTS WERE CERTAINLY AVAILABLE IF EMBASSY WISHED TO APPROACH UNDER LIBEL LAW. HE'S LET AMBASSADOR KNOW IF HE HAD ANY FURTHER THOUGHTS ON THIS.

5. CONVERSATION WAS AMIABLE BUT AMBASSADOR PRESSED NYAKYI HARD ON WHAT IS REALLY A HIGH WATER MARK OF ABUSE EVEN FOR TANZANIA MEDIA. WE ARE RESONABLY SURE THAT WHATEVER INFLUENCE FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS ON MINISTRY OF INFORMATION WILL NOW BE TURNED ON AND BELIEVE THERE IS A GOOD CHANCE MATTER WILL BE CALLED TO PRESIDENT NYERERE'S ATTENTION. IN OUR VIEW, BEST COURSE IS NOW TO LET MATTER REST FOR TIME BEING AND SEE IF NYAKYI COMES BACK WITH ANYTHING MORE AND IF VEHEMENCE OF MEDIA TREATMENT STOPS. WILL CONSULT WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY SCHAUFLELE ON SUBJECT DURING HIS VISIT HERE AUGUST 27.

6. FOLLOWING IS TRANSCRIPT OF RADIO PROGRAM BROADCAST BY RADIO TANZANIA, IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE SERVICE (MEDIUM AND SHORT WAVE), ON AUGUST 23 AND 24 AT 1910 AND 2110 HOURS LOCAL. PROGRAM IS IN "COMMENTARY AFTER THE NEWS" SERIES, A DAILY FEATURE OF EDITORIAL COMMENT AND/OR NEWS INTERPRETATION.

BEGIN TEXT. THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA HAS DISPATCHED NAVAL AND AIR TASK FORCE TO SOUTH KOREA. THIS DEVELOPMENT WHICH WASHINGTON SIMPLY DESCRIBES AS "PRECAUTIONARY" FOLLOWS A BORDER CLASH BETWEEN AMERICAN FORCES AND NORTH KOREAN TROOPS LAST THURSDAY WHICH RESULTED IN THE DEATH OF TWO AMERICAN OFFICERS.

THE TENSION IS DESCRIBED AS THE HIGHEST SINCE THE KOREAN SEIZURE OF THE AMERICAN SPY SHIP "PUEBLO" IN 1968.

REPORTS FROM THE CAPITALS OF THE TWO KOREAS SPEAK OF A HIGH DEGREE OF TENSION ON THE COMMON BORDER AND NORTH KOREA HAS BEEN IN A STATE OF ALERT.

THE LATEST DEVELOPMENT IN THAT PART OF THE WORLD DOES NOT MAKE GOOD READING AT ALL IN THE MINDS OF PEACE LOVING PEOPLE THE WORLD OVER.

THE AMERICANS ARE TO BLAME FOR THIS LATEST FLAREUP IN KOREA. IT WAS THE AMERICANS WHO STARTED IT ALL.

PRESIDENT FORD IS REPORTED TO HAVE COMMANDED THE FELLING AND PRUNING OF A TREE LAST THURSDAY IN THE NEUTRAL KOREAN TRUCE
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VILLAGE OF PANMUNJOM.

AN ARGUMENT OVER TRIMMING THE TREE WHICH BLOCKED THE VIEW OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND CHECK POINT IS THE ONE WHICH LED TO THE KILLING OF THE AMERICAN ARMY MEN.

WHY PRESIDENT FORD ORDERED THE FELLING OF THE TREE IS A SECRET TO THE AMERICAN LEADER.

BUT, CLEARLY IT WAS AN ACT WHICH COULD ONLY HAVE COME FROM, AS THE NORTH KOREANS CORRECTLY PUT IT: "A RASCAL." IN A WORD,

IT WAS AN ACT OF PROVOCATION.

IT IS EASY TO GAUGE THE INTENTION BEHIND THE AMERICAN ACT.
THE TWO KOREAS CONTINUE TO BE DIVIDED FUNDAMENTALLY BECAUSE
WASHINGTON WANTS SOUTH KOREA FOR ITS OWN ENDS -- EXPLOITATION.

THE PEOPLE OF THE TWO KOREAS ARE ONE PEOPLE KEPT APART BY
THE WHIMS OF WORLD IMPERIALISM AND CAPITALISM.

THESE TWO SYSTEMS DO NOT WANT PEOPLE TO BE FREE AND COUNTRIES
TO BE INDEPENDENT.

THEY WANT TO SUBJECT PEOPLES AND COUNTRIES, OPPRESS THEM,
EXPLOIT THEM, AND ABANDON THEM IN THE END WHEN THE MILKING IS
COMPLETE.

THE KOREANS HAVE EXPRESSED WISH -- TIME AND AGAIN -- TO
REUNITE. BUT THESE WISHES HAVE BEEN THWARTED BY WASHINGTON.

THERE ARE NOW SOME 41,000 AMERICAN TROOPS IN SOUTH KOREA,
AND FOR ALL WE KNOW THIS FIGURE COULD BE VERY CONSERVATIVE. WHAT
THEY ARE DOING THERE, GOD KNOWS.

AS THOUGH THIS STAGGERING FIGURE WERE NOT ENOUGH, THE AMERICANS
DISPATCH MORE TROOPS UNDER THE LABEL OF "PRECAUTION."

BUT LIKE THE GULF OF TONKIN INCIDENT, THE KOREA DEBACLE MAY
WELL BE ANOTHER CATASTROPHE IN AMERICAN ADVENTURISM.

NORTH KOREANS HAVE ALREADY SPOKEN OF THEIR READINESS TO REPULSE
ANY AMERICAN ONSLAUGHT AGAINST THEIR COUNTRY. BUT THE KOREANS ARE
NOT ALONE IN THIS. THE INTIRE PEACE LOVING WORLD INCLUDING TANZANIA
IS BEHIND THE KOREAN PEOPLE IN THIS HOUR OF TENSION AND WAR. FOR,
IF WE BELIEVE AS WE DO, THAT PEACE IS INDIVISIBLE, THEN THE LATEST
AMERICAN PROVOCATION AGAINST THE KOREAN PEOPLE MUST BE SEEN NOT AS
AN ISOLATED INCIDENT, BUT MUST BE SEEN AS A THREAT TO WORLD PEACE.

WE JOIN THE KOREAN PEOPLE IN ACCUSING THE UNITED STATES OF
PROVOCATION AGAINST AN INDEPENDENT PEOPLE AND A SOVEREIGN STATE.

THE UNITED STATES MUST BE CONDEMNED IN THE STRONGEST TERMS
POSSIBLE AND MUST BE ASKED TO PULL OUT OF KOREA SO THAT THE
PEOPLE DIVIDED FOR MANY YEARS NOW CAN COME BACK TOGETHER UNDER
ONE KOREA.

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PRESIDENT FORD MUST GO DOWN IN HISTORY AS A PRESIDENT WHO
ORDERED THE FELLING OF A TREE TO START A WAR.

TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WE SAY: THIS IS YOUR ELECTION YEAR.
IT IS UP TO YOU TO ELECT A HAWK WHO GLOBE-TROTS FOR WAR OR TO
ELECT A SANE DOVE WHO WILL GLOBE-TROT FOR PEACE AND INTERNATIONAL
GOOD WILL.

THE CHOICE IS YOURS THIS NOVEMBER. KOREA MUST BE FREE --
KOREA MUST BE REUNITED* END TEXT.

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